

COLLEGE ELEVENS TO STRIKE THEIR REAL STRIDE TO-DAY

CARPENTER'S RINGABILITY SHOULD'N'T BE SHOCKED BY LEVINSKI

BOTH GEORGES AND JACK HAVE HAD THEIR TIRED MOMENTS

DOGASH IS STAR OF WELTERWEIGHT BOXING TOURNEY

Frenchman Was Handicapped in Having a "Burnt Out" Opponent, Who Forced Him to Do All the Work, and So He Tired Trying to Duplicate Dempsey's Three-Round Knock-out of the "Battler."

By Robert Edgren.

A LOT has been written about Georges Carpentier during the past few weeks. Carpentier has fought in America. And still the American sporting public doesn't know just what to think of the dashing French champion.

I have made a rather close study of Carpentier in and out of the ring and don't hesitate to say that he is the best fighting man sent from overseas; at least since the time of Charlie Mitchell. He is all he was said to be in skill, hitting power and splendid self-confidence. Carpentier didn't show his best fighting wares in the Levinisky affair for several reasons. First, Levinisky was practically a "set-up" for him. In other words, Levinisky was a has-been, who had grown fat, sluggish and unambitious—a burnt-out outliner who wouldn't have made much of a fight with any one. He was especially poor against Carpentier because he was certain he was going into the ring for a beating. There was no joy in Levinisky that night. He was leaden-footed. He walked slowly when he took his corner, like a chief mourner at a funeral. He didn't smile, and when the fight began he contented himself with using what skill he had to avoid a knockout. He didn't fight. This put it up to Carpentier to do all the work, and there is no harder situation for a fighter to make a showing in.

Just what ability the Frenchman had may be judged by a remark of Dan Morgan, Levinisky's manager, who had been betting that Levinisky would last the twelve rounds. In the second round Morgan turned to Jack Britton, who had also wagered on Levinisky, and said: "Jack, our money's gone."

Carpentier carried the fight to Levinisky, showing speed that at times was amazing, and to be compared to the action of no other heavyweight we ever had except Jack Dempsey. Having to finish a man who wouldn't load and give a chance for an opening or any counter-hitting, Carpentier grew tired in the third round, and for a moment it looked as if he might blow up. But in the fourth he renewed his dashing attack and knocked Levinisky out in a little over a minute although Levinisky covered like a turtle drawing into his shell.

It may be thought Carpentier wouldn't last long with a first class man because he tired in the third round. But there were reasons for that. The public didn't know that Carpentier had a bad cold for four days before the bout. To break the cold he was given a series of hot baths, which reduced his weight. Carpentier's announced ringside weight was 170½ pounds. His real weight was 160½ pounds. I happen to know that he weighed only 170½ pounds when he began training for the fight.

CARPENTIER USES HIS HEAD. Besides all this, Carpentier tired in the third round from making a funny attempt to break down Levinisky's guard and put him out. Before Carpentier's mind was a picture of Dempsey knocking Levinisky out in three rounds. He wanted to do the same with him, at a chin that wasn't covered by a raised left shoulder and a right glove and forearm. Carpentier's mental process was easily seen. He was in a hurry to win and he couldn't wait for a man who wouldn't take a chance. He left himself open to make Levinisky fight.

In the fourth round Carpentier's boxing showed. He didn't try to knock Levinisky out. He didn't make Levinisky meet him half way fighting or come out of his stubborn defense. So he changed his plan entirely, rushed forward and against the ropes, crowding him as hard as he could, hit four short blows over the guard. He couldn't reach Levinisky's covered chin, so he hit him a little higher in the head, knocking his head back, got one opening at last and dropped him with a sharp hook on the neck. Levinisky stayed down.

This is intended as a dissection of Carpentier's fighting style, rather than a description of the fight. I'll say that Carpentier uses his brain in a fight, or he is directed by the "master mind" of his manager, Dempsey, whom the English call a hypnotist.

As for Carpentier's weakness from his own exertions in the third, it may be remembered that Jack Dempsey weakened in the third at Toledo from the terrific expenditure of energy trying to knock Levinisky out in the first two rounds. However, Dempsey did a lot more work than Carpentier. He knocked down a 245 pound champion seven times in a round. Dempsey told me after that fight that he nearly "shot his belt" with those knock-downs. Like Carpentier, he rested a little and then finished it.

Many people were disappointed with Carpentier's lack of defense. He boxed "wide open." They said if he boxed that way with Dempsey he'd be knocked out in a few seconds. That's true. But perhaps Carpentier wouldn't be so careless of Dempsey's blows. He was wide open with Levinisky because he knew Levinisky wouldn't hit him. Carpentier was wide open and defenseless to Dempsey's blows because he knew Dempsey's blows were no more than a nuisance. Carpentier's superior speed to beat

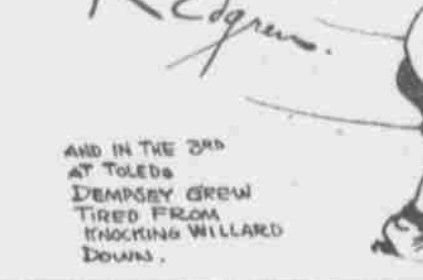
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FOOTBALL GAMES TO-DAY.

Importance

The Harvard has been powerful on the defensive. Without the services of Eddie Casey the offensive has not been so important. It was necessary to groom some halfbacks, and in Owens and Church the Crimson coaches believe they have the right men. To a neutral onlooker it would seem that Harvard's best chance would be the wearing down of their glib opponents. To win, the Southerners must either go around or over the backs of their opponents and forward. It is not likely they will do much denting of the massive line.

The Navy-Tiger clash has all the makings of a "big" battle. Princeton has most of the variety line-up that we saw back in Hartford and Yale in 1919, and the open places have been filled by recruits from last season's championship Freshmen team. There's no mistaking Orange and Black combinations for championship honors. Old Nassau is anxious for a real showdown, and it should come this afternoon in the Palmer Stadium.